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Native American women take part in the 26th Annual Paiute Tribe Pow Wow in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Kobby Dagan/Shutterstock)

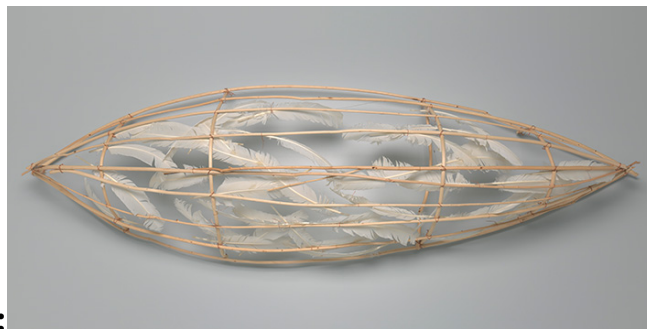
By Aleza Freeman

Indigenous tribes in Nevada have spanned tens of thousands of years. Although they've faced challenges ranging from decolonization to cultural erosion, several local organizations are devoted to preserving their traditions.

There are several Indigenous organizations and community groups that support, empower, and [celebrate Indigenous people](#), not just on Indigenous Peoples' Day in October, but all 365 days of the year.

The groups often hold community events and gatherings to educate and foster pride in the community.

[Check them out!](#)



Coming to NMAI:

[Water's Edge: The Art of Truman Lowe](#)

[October 24, 2025–January 2027](#)
[Washington, DC](#)



[Clearly Indigenous: Native Visions Reimagined in Glass](#)

[November 15, 2025–May 29, 2026](#)
[New York, NY](#)

California approves an unprecedented plan to protect Joshua trees from climate change threats

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2025-08-16/california-approves-plan-to-save-joshua-trees>

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## **A Lock of Braided Human Hair Could Change How We Think About Inca Society and Record-Keeping**

The khipu knot-tying system was thought to have only been used by elites, but one artifact suggests commoners, too, knew how to use it

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/a-lock-of-braided-human-hair-could-change-how-we-think-about-inca-society-and-record-keeping-180987187/?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-us](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/a-lock-of-braided-human-hair-could-change-how-we-think-about-inca-society-and-record-keeping-180987187/?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us)

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Strengthening Immigrant Justice Through Rapid Action

The Four Freedoms Fund (FFF), a project of NEO Philanthropy, builds the capacity of the immigrant justice movement to ensure dignity, power, and self-determination for all immigrants.

Giant Steps Foundation Champions Animal Welfare and Social Justice

The Giant Steps Foundation (GSF) is dedicated to improving the lives of all living beings, focusing its resources where measurable impact can be achieved.

Good360 Closes the Gap Between Surplus and Need

Good360 partners with socially responsible companies to source and distribute urgently needed goods to a network of over 100,000 nonprofits and charities.

Foundation Fights Hunger and Reduces Waste

The Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Foundation, an initiative of The Kroger Company, funds programs that eliminate hunger and waste in communities.

Regional

Funds for Transformative Nonprofit Initiatives

The Fidelity Foundation, the charitable arm of Fidelity Investments, funds transformative projects that strengthen nonprofits in communities near Fidelity's U.S. and Toronto offices, as well as select national initiatives of broad sector impact.

Investing to Advance Equity and Innovation

Genentech advances health access and outcomes through investments in prevention, healthcare workforce development, research, care delivery, and patient support.

Foundation Focuses on Arts, Animals, Plants, and the Environment

The Bafflin Foundation funds nonprofit organizations dedicated to art, animals, plants, and environmental causes.

Funding for Education, Religion, Historic Preservation, and Research

The FJ Brotherton Charitable Trust funds nonprofit organizations across the northeastern and southeastern United States.

National Government Policy Update

GrantStation is closely monitoring recent federal actions and their impact on the nonprofit sector. **This article tracks ongoing developments**, providing links to source materials. We will update the article at least once a week, and in cases of significant developments, we will provide updates as quickly as possible.

- **Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation** (U.S. national)
- **The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust** (U.S. local)
- **AstraZeneca Canada's Corporate Giving Program** (Canada national)
- **Fondazione Marcegaglia Onlus (Marcegaglia Onlus Foundation)** (global)

America 250

<https://www.america250nevada.org> > events

America250 Nevada Official Events — America 250 Nevada

America250 Nevada invites community organizations, schools and groups across the state to host events that align with our core America250 Nevada themes: Celebrate — Honor the people, places and stories that define Nevada and our nation. Learn — Explore our history and reflect on the principles that shape our democracy. Engage — Inspire civic participation, volunteerism and community ...

<https://www.america250nevada.org> > resources

Resources - America 250 Nevada

Grant opportunities To commemorate Nevada's heritage as the nation's 36th state, the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs will provide grant opportunities for communities to get involved. Nevada Arts Council and Travel Nevada will award \$250,000 each in grants to help support initiatives throughout Nevada.

Carson Now (r'cd 8.15.25)

<https://www.carsonnow.org> > 04 > 06 > 2025 > america250-nevada-prepares-for-two-lights-for-tomorrow-carson-city-ceremony-and-celebration

America250 Nevada prepares for 'Two Lights for Tomorrow' Carson City ...

Apr 6, 2025 In a few weeks, the state of Nevada will join other states in the nation in a ceremony called Two Lights for Tomorrow. A nationwide initiative, this is a commemoration [...]

<https://www.america250nevada.org> > [programs](#)

Programs - America 250 Nevada

Support schools, students, and educators who exemplify a commitment to civic engagement and leadership through the Nevada School of Civic Excellence program.

<https://www.america250nevada.org> > [about-1](#)

Letter From Gov — America 250 Nevada

My fellow Nevadans, I am honored to invite you to join me in a monumental celebration of the 250th Anniversary of our great nation. As a partner of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission — the America250 Foundation — we have the distinct privilege of celebrating our country's 250 years of achievement, struggle, and sacrifice while framing the dialogue and vision for the next 250. Along ...

<https://www.america250nevada.org> > [our-nevada-stories-nominate](#)

Our Nevada Stories Nomination — America 250 Nevada

Please fill out the form below to nominate someone else for a Nevada Story. If you wanted to nominate yourself, please use the form here.

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### **New national monument along Santa Cruz coast opens to public for hiking, biking**

**Extract:** “In 2014, the trust donated it to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. And in 2017, eight days before he left office, former President Barack Obama [designated it as a national monument](#). After years of planning work and battles with community groups worried about traffic, trash, endangered species and other issues, the BLM will open a parking lot and 9 miles of trails on the property, which is officially called [Cotoni-Coast Dairies](#), in recognition of an Ohlone tribal group who lived there centuries ago and the Swiss farmers who owned it for most of the 20th century.

[https://www.mercurynews.com/2025/08/14/new-national-monument-along-santa-cruz-coast-opens-to-the-public-for-hiking-biking/?utm\\_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&utm\\_term=.85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no&listId=%23Listrak%5clistId%23](https://www.mercurynews.com/2025/08/14/new-national-monument-along-santa-cruz-coast-opens-to-the-public-for-hiking-biking/?utm_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&utm_term=.85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no&listId=%23Listrak%5clistId%23)

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16mm Films - Native American Influence on US Cultural Heritage

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/tripideas/a-v-geeks-16mm-films-native-american-influence-on-united-states-culture-heritage/vi-AA1JsHQX?ocid=socialshare>

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Presidential Proclamations

[90th Anniversary of the Social Security Act](#) [August 14, 2025](#)

[Adjusting Imports of Copper into the United States](#) [July 30, 2025](#)

[Made in America Week, 2025](#) [July 25, 2025](#)

[Captive Nations Week, 2025](#) [July 25, 2025](#)

[Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Security
with Respect to Sterile Medical Equipment](#) [July 17, 2025](#)

[Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Further Promote American
Energy](#) [July 17, 2025](#)

[Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Chemical
Manufacturing Security](#) [July 17, 2025](#)

[Regulatory Relief for Certain Stationary Sources to Promote American Iron Ore
Processing Security](#) [July 17, 2025](#)

[160th Anniversary of the United States Secret Service, 2025](#) [July 2, 2025](#)

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[Memoranda](#)

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[Which places in California are designated a UNESCO World Heritage site?](#)

Trump administration intends to withdraw U.S. from the organization, just two years after it
rejoined after a five-year absence ‘
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## **When does the Supreme Court Reconvene?**

The Supreme Court's 2025 term begins on October 6.

[Click here to view the calendar](#) for the session that begins October 6, 2025.

[Click here to view the calendar](#) for the session that begins November 3, 2025.

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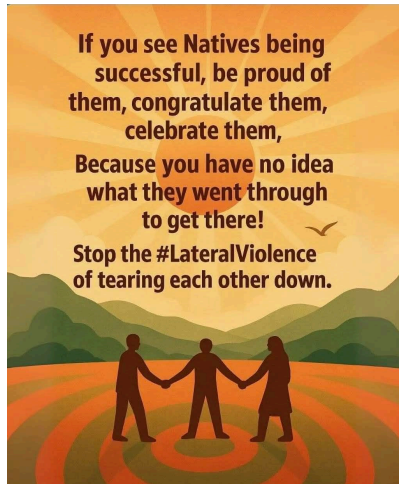
## **Policy change for access to Veteran's Care**

What if walking into a government hospital meant answering questions about your politics before getting care? That could be the chilling new reality for America's veterans in 2025.

In a controversial policy shift drawing sharp criticism from some medical ethicists and veterans' advocates alike, the Department of Veterans Affairs has changed its rules to allow medical staff to deny care based on a patient's political affiliation, marital status, or national origin.

This stunning change comes on the heels of a January 2025 executive order signed by President Donald Trump, which aimed to crack down on what the administration calls "gender ideology extremism," according to The New Republic.





from annette cavanaugh

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### **Trump's health agency streamlining goals hit roadblock**

Congress has not taken steps to create the Administration for a Healthy America

<https://rollcall.com/2025/08/18/trumps-health-agency-streamlining-goals-hit-roadblock/>

**Trump vows to get rid of mail-in ballots:** Despite the president's remarks, the Constitution gives him little power to do away with voting by mail or voting machines. His declarations also included falsehoods about voting.

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### **You Should Learn Two Languages at Once**

Deciding between two languages to learn? Why not both? [https://getpocket.com/explore/item/you-should-learn-two-languages-at-once?utm\\_source=firefox-newtab-en-u](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/you-should-learn-two-languages-at-once?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-u)

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### **Washoe Environmental Protection Dept.**

·Our Mayala Wata Restoration Project mechanical thinning has commenced in the upland areas in the meadow! Roughly 30 acres have been thinned. A majority of the logs are being transported down to the Washoe Tribe's wood yard. First load of logs made it down to the valley today!

### **Repeat: How Project 2025 will destroy Native communities**

[https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/project2025\\_native1.pdf](https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/project2025_native1.pdf)



## [Ancient Star](#) ·

Ancestral roots confirmed by science. For generations, the Blackfeet Nation passed down a powerful truth: their people had always lived in the plains of Montana. Elders carried this memory forward, even when historians dismissed it as a myth or migration tale.

In 2022, science caught up. DNA research confirmed that Blackfeet ancestors diverged from other [#Indigenous](#) groups nearly 18,000 years ago, at the end of the Ice Age. This discovery placed them firmly in Montana long before written history, aligning perfectly with the stories preserved through oral tradition.

**What scholars once doubted, the Blackfeet had always known.** Their history was not bound to books or archaeology but carried in voices, teachings, and cultural memory that survived for millennia. The evidence proved that oral tradition is not only symbolic — it is a record of truth.

The Blackfeet, part of the wider Blackfoot Confederacy, remain deeply tied to their land and their story. Their ancestors endured ice, time, and change, yet their presence remained unbroken. Science did not lead the way here; it followed, confirming what the Blackfeet had already kept alive. [#heritage](#)



*Apparently I mentally aberrated and skipped over Grant's SOUs, so here is makeup.*

**President Ulysses Grant: Second State of the Union Address December 5, 1870**

Address contains the usual rundown of relations with various countries, including the plan to take over San Domingo, a lot of emphasis on public lands, discussion of the status of commerce over the seas and water ways, and looking to China and Japan as a way to revive the depressed economy.

“Reform in the management of Indian affairs has received the special attention of the

Administration from its inauguration to the present day. The experiment of making it a missionary work was tried with a few agencies given to the denomination of Friends, and has been found to work most advantageously. All agencies and superintendencies not so disposed of were given to officers of the Army. The act of Congress reducing the Army renders army officers ineligible for civil positions. Indian agencies being civil offices, I determined to give all the agencies to such religious denominations as had heretofore established missionaries among the Indians, and perhaps to some other denominations who would undertake the work on the same terms -- i.e., as a missionary work. The societies selected are allowed to name their own agents, subject to the approval of the Executive, and are expected to watch over them and aid them as missionaries, to Christianize and civilize the Indian, and to train him in the arts of peace. The Government watches over the official acts of these agents, and requires of them as strict an accountability as if they were appointed in any other manner. I entertain the confident hope that the policy now pursued will in a few years bring all the Indians upon reservations, where they will live in houses, and have schoolhouses and churches, and will be pursuing peaceful and self-sustaining avocations, and where they may be visited by the law-abiding white man with the same impunity that he now visits the civilized white settlements. I call your special attention to the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for full information on this subject."

"During the last fiscal year 8,095,413 acres of public land were disposed of. Of this quantity 3,698,910.05 acres were taken under the homestead law and 2,159,515.81 acres sold for cash. The remainder was located with military warrants, college or Indian scrip, or applied in satisfaction of grants to railroads or for other public uses. The entries under the homestead law during the last year covered 961,545 acres more than those during the preceding year. Surveys have been vigorously prosecuted to the full extent of the means applicable to the purpose. The quantity of land in market will amply supply the present demand. The claim of the settler under the homestead or the preemption laws is not, however, limited to lands subject to sale at private entry. Any unappropriated surveyed public land may, to a limited amount, be acquired under the former laws if the party entitled to enter under them will comply with the requirements they prescribe in regard to the residence and cultivation. The actual settler's preference right of purchase is even broader, and extends to lands which were unsurveyed at the time of his settlement. His right was formerly confined within much narrower limits, and at one period of our history was conferred only by special statutes. They were enacted from time to time to legalize what was then regarded as an unauthorized intrusion upon the national domain. The opinion that the public lands should be regarded chiefly as a source of revenue is no longer maintained. The rapid settlement and successful cultivation of them are now justly considered of more importance to our well-being than is the fund which the sale of them would produce. The remarkable growth and prosperity of our new States and Territories attest the wisdom of the legislation which invites the tiller of the soil to secure a permanent home on terms within the reach of all. The pioneer who incurs the dangers and privations of a frontier life, and thus aids in laying the foundation of new commonwealths, renders a signal service to his country, and is entitled to its special favor and protection. These laws secure that object and largely promote the general welfare. They should therefore be cherished as a permanent feature of our land system."

"Good faith requires us to give full effect to existing grants. The time-honored and beneficent policy of setting apart certain sections of public land for educational purposes in the new States

should be continued. When ample provision shall have been made for these objects, I submit as a question worthy of serious consideration whether the residue of our national domain should not be wholly disposed of under the provisions the homestead and preemption laws.”

<https://stateoftheunion.onetwothree.net/texts/18701205.html>

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### **New undersea desalination pods to solve water & energy crises both at once**

“The bottomless energy-sucking demands of AI data centers have sparked a hair-on-fire moment for the nation’s electricity grid, and that is not the only urgent grid-related issue in need of attention. Seawater desalination is another one of modern life’s great energy suckers, and the need is escalating alongside climate change and population growth among other factors. One solution has surfaced in the form of undersea desalination “pods” that can trim energy use by 40%, among other benefits, and the plan is poised for rapid scaleup. Conventional desalination systems need large amounts of energy to power reverse osmosis systems, in which water is pressed through a membrane. Instead of sourcing that pressure from fuels of various sorts, the California startup OceanWell is leveraging the naturally occurring pressure of deep ocean water. Its pod-like desalination modules are designed for deployment in the ocean at 400 meters (about 1,300 feet). ... ” [Read more from Clean Technica](#).

### **Innovative membrane technology promises access to clean water**

“Water scarcity has been referred to as the silent existential crisis of our time. Our planet has very little fresh water — and is running out of it quickly. Yet no one seems to be talking about it. However, we do have significantly more saline water. With that, there’s good news, bad news, and more good news: The good news is that there’s a technology — desalination — to put that brackish water to good use. The bad news is that modern desalination is limited in its adoption due to cost, footprint, and sustainability concerns. The other good news is that a new technology developed by California-based company Active Membranes could ameliorate the desalination process and greatly enhance the world’s supply of freshwater. “Our goal is to make desalination cost-effective, less complex, and easier to adopt so that every community, big or small, can afford and sustainably benefit from it,” said Arian Edalat, Co-Founder and CEO, Active Membranes. ... ” [Read more from Tech Briefs](#).

### **Trump team readies more attacks on mainstream climate science**

“One author of a recent Department of Energy report that assailed established climate science said the 141-page document is only the beginning — and that the Trump administration plans to do more to undercut research that shows humanity’s use of fossil fuels is warming the planet and endangering its inhabitants. Steve Koonin, one of the report’s five main contributors, told POLITICO’s E&E News last week that the document likely is a precursor to a sustained assault on mainstream global warming research. Under discussion are plans to hold a public debate about climate science, write a line-by-line rebuttal of the National Climate Assessment and ready a counterattack against climate scientists critical of last month’s Energy Department report. A key next step, Koonin said, is to expand the Trump administration’s team of climate contrarians beyond the five scientists who wrote the initial report. The document already has attracted

hundreds of responses through the *Federal Register*, and Koonin said they need the reinforcements to push back against the criticism. ... ” [Read more from E&E News](#).